(*b*) a list of articles with their quantity and value produced in foreign countries and imported into Travancore through the port of Cochin ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) and (*b*). A list showing the main items imported from and exported to foreign countries by Travancore through the Cochin Port is laid on the Secretary's table. The quantity and value figures cannot be given, as the period is not specified in the question.

Transactions with the Customs Houses.

416. ❋ MR P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is a fact that all transactions with the Customs Houses have to be done through the medium of Custom Agents and not by parties themselves;

(*b*) if so, the year in which this system was introduced; and

(*c*) the reasons that led to its introduction ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) do not arise in view of answer to part (*a*).

The price of salt.

417. ❋ MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that price of salt has risen in the market; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative the reason therefor, and what steps Government have taken to prevent such rise?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) the question does not arise.

Bridge across ferry on the Azhiyadathu Chira.

418. ❋ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the dilapidated condition of the bridge across the ferry on the Azhiyadathu Chira, Mepral road, in Peringara pakuthy, Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they are aware that this bridge is not safe for vehicular traffic ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes; it is not intended for vehicular traffic.

Mepral Road.

419. ❋ MR. P. KOCHUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the necessity of raising the level of the Mepral road in Peringara pakuthy, Tiruvalla taluk, and

(*b*) whether they are aware that the above road is submerged under water during flood season ?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

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